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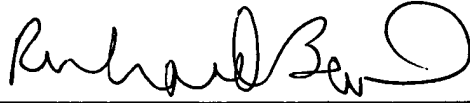
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| <b>TRANSMITTAL LETTER TO THE UNITED STATES<br/>DESIGNATED/ELECTED OFFICE (DO/EO/US)<br/>CONCERNING A SUBMISSION UNDER 35 U.S.C. 371</b>   |   | ATTORNEY'S DOCKET NUMBER<br>05113/HG<br>U.S. APPLICATION NO. (If known, see 37 CFR 1.5)<br><b>10/527534</b> |
| INTERNATIONAL APPLICATION NO.<br>PCT/JP03/12036   | INTERNATIONAL FILING DATE<br>September 19, 2003 | PRIORITY DATE CLAIMED<br>September 20, 2002   |
| TITLE OF INVENTION <b>LOOSE-LAY FLOOR TILE WHICH HAS A NONSKID BACKING MATERIAL USING A PVC-BASED RAW MATERIAL</b>  |   |   |
| APPLICANT(S) FOR DO/EO/US<br><b>Naoyuki SUZUKI; Qingyang PAN; Seishiro ISHIYAMA</b>   |   |   |
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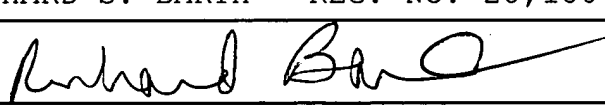
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